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PRODUCT DESIGN SUPPORT METHOD,  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated August 13, 2008 (Paper No. 20080226). Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 16 of this paper.